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CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 224-234 by title for the first time. Legislative Journal pages 120-121.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Pedersen, I would recognize you for a motion on the report from the Committee on Committees.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move to approve the Committee on Committees Report found on page 76 of the Journal. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. For discussion on the motion to adopt the Committee on Committees Report, Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAH: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'm standing up today, and it might be a somewhat unusual request, but I'm going to rise and I'm going to encourage the members of the body not to vote to adopt the report on the Committee on Committees. Simply going to ask you not to vote "no"; just don't vote "yes" or abstain from voting. And the reason why I do this, I'm going to probably do a little bit of education here, but one of the things that I'm going to ask you to do is look at your Rule Book. We just adopted temporary rules just a few seconds ago and those were the same rules that were in effect at the end of the last legislative session. So, if you would, get out your Rule Book, turn to Rule 3, subsection (sic--Section) 2(b), which is found on page 13 and 14, and I will give you a little bit of time to get there, I'm going to read you the pertinent part of that particular rule that I think applies and which provides some support for my reasoning to abstain from voting on advancing this report. On page 14, the second part of that says, "Once the final report is presented to the Legislature," which just happened, "no amendments shall be considered. If the Legislature, by the majority of the elected members, fails to adopt the final report of the Committee on Committees, such report shall be returned to the committee for further action." And that I believe, senators, is what needs to be done with this report of the Committee on Committees. It simply needs to be